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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Roger de la TORRE et al.

Serial No.: 09/816,850

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR USE IN  
MINIMALLY INVASIVE PLACEMENT  
OF INTRAGASTRIC DEVICES

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: 3739

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- ☒ **Within three months of the application filing date or before mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.**
- ☐ After receipt of a first Office Action on the merits but before mailing of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance.
  - ☐ A fee is required. A check in the amount of \* is enclosed.
  - ☐ A fee is required. Accordingly, a Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.
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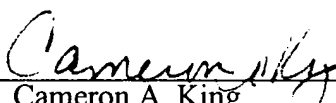
Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

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Dated: February 5, 2002

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